

Foreign Languages and Literature Department Meeting

Neuberger Hall 393A

April 5, 2006

Attending: Steve Walton, Kathie Godfrey, Pelin Basci, Martha Hickey, Robert Sanders, Cynthia Sloan, DeLys Ostlund, Angela Zagarella, Galina Kogan, Jennifer Perlmutter, Gina Greco, Anousha Sedighi, William Fischer, Ann Wales, Steve Wadley, Josphat Waruhiu, Inger Olsen, Michael Weingrad, Pat Wetzel, David Thompson, Maji Rhee, Eva Nunez, Suwako Watanabe, Manya Wubbold, Jonthan Pease

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 3:15PM

Welcome back Eva Nunez from Spain, Pat Wetzel from Japan, and Manya Wubbold from Peru.

Congratulations to Timm Menke author of "W.G. Sebald's 'On the Natural History of Destruction'" published in Bombs Away! Representing the Air War over Europe and Japan, W. Wilm and W. Rasch eds Rodopi, 2006. Bill Fischer obtaining a grant from "No Child Left Behind USP". Gina Greco receiving a Fulbright exchange in Onagadougou, Burkina Faso. DeLys Ostlund author of "Portland's Miracle Theater Group and Fuente Ovejuna" published in Comedia Performance, Vol. 3, No. 1

Cija Huntley joins our staff this week coming to our department from the Scheduling Office. Cija will be responsible for room scheduling, curriculum development process, graduate admissions, and web posting. Welcome Cija!

Stephanie Oliver has just written and edited the second edition of "Polyglot". It should hit the streets next week. Nick will be working with the Foundation and developing a database to make sure all alums are sent a newsletter with donation envelope enclosed. This process will be on going and Dr. Rosengrant asked faculty to help by contacting Nick with any addresses of alumni and friends who would be interested in receiving our newsletter. Development of a list-serve to capture student achievement is also underway.

Two new scholarships are coming to the Foreign Languages and Literatures Department, one in Italian, funded by the Italian Businessman's Association and the other in Persian. Anousha has secured a new Persian Scholarship for \$500.00 per year from Persia House for at least six years.

The FLL Department was slightly over goal of SCH with an enrollment of 10,457 for Spring Term. Recommended budget reduction for coming year: \$306,500, and recommended reinvestment: \$380,000. Dr. Rosengrant passed around drafts of the proposed guidelines set out by the university. An open forum for comments on proposed reductions will be 4/6 3:00-5:00, and 4/7 2:00-4:00 in the Willamette Falls room, University Place.

The Office of Graduate Studies will begin verifying all students who satisfy their Foreign Language requirement by passing a 203 class here at PSU. The students will no longer have to print out an unofficial transcript to bring to our office; the computer will automatically tag these students as having met the requirement. Prof Ostlund reported on the discussion in the Senate concerning Incompletes on transcripts. It is proposed that undergraduate students will have one year plus a term to complete work or receive an F. DeLys was asked to bring the subject to our faculty for comments concerning the same time frame for graduate students. Some faculty feel I's should not be changed on a graduate transcript. DeLys will take comments back to Graduate council..

Dr. Rosengrant passed around FLL FAQs for all our faculty and instructors. This document covers frequently asked questions in the Foreign Languages and Literatures department. The document will be an ongoing process to keep faculty and instructors up to date on commonly asked questions in our department.

Dr. Rosengrant announced commencement would be held on June 17<sup>th</sup>. The University encourages all tenure-line faculty to attend the ceremony. Regalia rental and other important information on the web at <http://oaa.pdx.edu/NewsAndEvents>. Manya reported on Guatemala women weavers project. Women will weave sashes with individual designs. Money goes to scholarships for students. She can bring a sample if anyone is interested in purchasing one to wear at commencement.

#### Coming Attractions:

April 7, Heritage Fun, Multicultural Center, 7:00-10:00

April 11, Michael Wachtel, "Pushkin's *The Gypsies* and its Relationship to Byron and Greek Tragedy," SMU 238, 7:00

April 12, Advisory Council, 3:15

April 30, Dafur Rally, Pioneer Square, 1:30

May 3, Department Meeting 3:15

May 10, Advisory Council

May 17, How Tevye Learned to Fiddle: Sholom Aleichem's Tevye in Yiddish, Hebrew, English, and Russian, 12:00, SMU 238

May 31, Looking at Jewish Christian Relations, 12:00 to 8:00, SMU 236

MEETING ADJOURNED 4:30 pm